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Sent via email to: [72891-52196514@requests.muckrock.com](mailto:72891-52196514@requests.muckrock.com)

Re: California Public Records Act request PRA 019-068

Dear Ms. Mangan:

The University of California, San Francisco ("UCSF") received your recent California Public Record Act (CPRA) request which stated:

"Looking for records regarding the creation of a document archive of industry FOIA materials. Please return email records regarding establishment and discussion of the UCSF Chemical Industry documents archive, including emails to/from any of these individuals, or emails they are mentioned in: Alison Carlson, Forsythia Foundation, Dr. Tracey Woodruff, Annemarie Charlesworth, Fern Shepard, Ariana Carella, Rachel's Network ([rachelsnetwork.org](http://rachelsnetwork.org)), Marisla Foundation staff ([marisla.org](http://marisla.org)) and/or [foundationsource.com](http://foundationsource.com), Kemi Amin, UCSF library staff, Carey Gillam, Gary Ruskin, Stacey Malkan, Paul Thacker, or any staff of US Right to know ([usrk.org](http://usrk.org)), Mary Mangan, Alex Berezow, Kevin Folta, Alison Van Eenennaam. Please also include any additional emails containing keywords: Monsanto, Dow, Syngenta, Ketchum, Bayer, and the Council for Biotechnology Information, glyphosate, herbicides, GMO. Dates should be from first conversation on archive establishment through May 2019."

Your request for records is overly broad and cannot be processed as submitted. The public interest in responding to focused and specific requests clearly outweighs the interest in responding to overbroad requests (Government Code 6253.1 and 6255(a)). Among other things, the request would likely encompass thousands of documents. Many types of confidential information can exist in university records. For example, your requests for these records may include discussion of personnel matters exempt from disclosure under Government Code section 6254(c), the Information Practices Act, and/or other privacy laws; documents may include scholarly discussion on unpublished research or sensitive discussions protected by the deliberative process privilege (and recognized as exempt from disclosure under the Government Code Section 6255 exemption); and communications seeking or receiving legal advice protected by the attorney-client privilege and/or attorney work product doctrine (and therefore exempt under Government Code section 6254(k)). *"A request which compels the production of a huge volume of material may be objectionable as unduly burdensome."* (*American Civil Liberties Union Foundation v. Deukmejian* (1982) 32 Cal.3d 440.)

UCSF would like to assist you in making a focused and specific request that can be processed. One way to accomplish that would be to submit a request that seeks correspondence between specific individuals on a specific date or a narrow date range. UCSF is happy to process a revised request but for the reasons stated above, the request you sent cannot be processed and is now closed.

Sincerely,

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